

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING COLONEL JASON Q. BOHM FOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES AS DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSE MARINE LIAISON OFFICE

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2013*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Colonel Jason Q. Bohm for the diligent and professional support he provided during his tenure as Director, Marine Corps Liaison Office to the United States House of Representatives. My staff and I have been fortunate to work with Jason over the last two years on various projects, but I want to highlight two specific issues.

Soon after Jason started in the liaison office in July 2011, he approached my office with ideas to improve the visibility of the annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive on the Hill. For the last two Christmases, we have been fortunate to have the conclusion of the drive end in my office and coincide with the annual U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and reception. This has allowed the House community of Members, staff, and guests to interact with local military families and to be active participants in the spirit of generosity and giving during the Christmas season.

In addition, Jason's team was instrumental in the successful Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for the Montford Point Marines. The ceremony was a moving and fitting tribute to the honor, perseverance, and patriotism of the Marines who defied prejudice, hardship, and inequality to serve their country, and it was a timely and important reminder for all Americans that our freedom and values depend on those who are still answering the call to serve in dangerous places around the world, far from their families and loved ones.

I was personally able to get to know Jason during my January 2012 economic mission to Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico. The objectives of our delegation's visits to these nations were achieved successfully in part because of Jason's excellent work. I wish him and his lovely wife, Sonja, and their children, Ashley, Ethan, and Emily, the very best as Jason prepares to take command out in California. *Semper Fi*, Jason.

REPEAL OF PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2013*

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 45—To Repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the

Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. This legislation would completely repeal the Affordable Care Act, which was signed into law in 2010 and was declared constitutionally sound by the U.S. Supreme Court last year. The Affordable Care Act extends healthcare coverage to all Americans regardless of their gender, health condition or ability to pay.

It is a disgrace that this country, which is the wealthiest country in the world, denies universal healthcare coverage to its citizens. Repealing the Affordable Care Act will allow this disgrace to continue.

The Affordable Care Act is a good law. Because of the Affordable Care Act, Americans now have access to a wide variety of free preventive services; insurers can no longer drop women from coverage when they become pregnant; Medicare is stronger due to some of the cost savings and other provisions in the act; Seniors are paying less for prescription drugs; Americans no longer face lifetime limits on care; and families are receiving rebates from insurance companies, when they unfairly inflate their costs.

In fact, thousands of people in my district, the 9th Congressional District of Brooklyn, New York, are already benefiting from the Affordable Care Act. An analysis done in March of 2012 showed that the health care reform law had already:

Provided 390 small businesses in my district with tax credits to help maintain or expand health care coverage for their employees;

Provided 5,100 young adults in my district with access to health insurance coverage under their parents' insurance plan;

Provided Medicare preventive services, at no costs to the patient, for 46,000 seniors in the district;

And, provided \$2.5 million in public health grants for community health centers, hospitals, doctors, and other healthcare providers in the district to improve the community's health.

I have always believed that healthcare is a fundamental right, not a privilege. And this is why I vehemently oppose H.R. 45—To Repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. It is wrong, and it is a step backwards for our country.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

**HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2013*

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for one minute.

Mr. Speaker, just last month, the United States Senate failed to move forward on legislation supported by 90 percent of Americans to require a background check for the sale of any firearm.

But while the Senate may have missed its opportunity, those of us committed to gun violence prevention are not giving up.

Since the horrific massacre in Newtown, Connecticut, more than 4,100 American men, women and children have lost their lives in gun-related incidents.

These tragedies have grown all too common in America—with the victims eulogized in our newspapers, their families left to feel unbearable grief, and yet time after time Washington has failed to act on their behalf.

But as President Obama has said, "This time it must be different." The American people want commonsense gun violence prevention laws, and it's now up to those of us in Congress to find the political courage to make the will of the people the law of the land.

We owe it to the families of Newtown and gun violence victims across our country to finally come together, not as Democrats or Republicans, but as Americans committed to ensuring that we can live in a society free from gun violence.

CONGRATULATING THE BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2013*

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh (BAMP) on the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding.

A group of Pittsburgh-area home builders founded BAMP in 1938 to "protect and promote the interests of general contractors engaged in the construction industry." The organization continues to promote home ownership and the improvement of the residential building industry in Western Pennsylvania. Today, BAMP is nationally recognized for its work in advocacy, education, and community service.

BAMP represents nearly six hundred members today, including home builders, remodelers, trade contractors, suppliers, and licensed professionals. These small businesses support thousands of well-paying jobs for workers across Western Pennsylvania.

BAMP members are dedicated to and active in their communities. They have organized countless service projects and lent expertise, products, and services to build and improve homes for neighbors in need. BAMP has also sponsored National Association of Home Builders student chapters in eight local secondary-level career training centers to help young people prepare to enter the workforce.

Many of today's members are second-, third-, and even fourth-generation home builders and tradesmen. They are dedicated to their trade and take great pride in the work they do for customers in the same neighborhoods where they live and work.

Mr. Speaker, fellow members, please join me in congratulating the Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh, an important part of

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